

50th Golden Anniversary of Class of 1961

October appears to be an auspicious month for the Class of 1961. We had many reunion celebrations in the month of October, including our 30th, 35th and 40th anniversaries. Our most recent gathering in October 2011 was to celebrate our Golden 50th Anniversary.

In order to make our Golden Anniversary a very special and memorable one, we organised a 7-day itinerary for our class. Our classmates returned from all over the world, including US, Canada and Australia, to participate in this very special event. The activities included two days of sightseeing in Hong Kong, a celebratory dinner, a 4-day trip to China (Nansha, Panyu and Shunde) as well as a tour of our new DGS campus.



4-day trip to China



Standing under the School Crest at the new DGS campus



Ngong Ping 360 Cable Car trip and a visit to the Peak

The highlight of our reunion programme was the tour of our newly redeveloped School. As soon as we stepped into the school gate, we were stunned by the grandeur of the entrance and the magnificent layout of the buildings. We were warmly welcomed by the Headmistress, Mrs. Stella Lau, and the Development Manager, Ms. Shirley Ping. We were thrilled that the Class of 1961 was the first group of old girls to visit the new campus.

We were overwhelmed by the new facilities that now occupy the former places we have known. Whilst we missed the old haunts of our good old days, the momentary sadness was quickly replaced by a sense of glee in seeing the first-class facilities which now make up our School.

After the school visit, we all wished we could turn back time and have our pre-tertiary schooling at the new campus. Indeed, to put it modestly, DGS today is a 6-star school with the best of what Hong Kong schools have to offer. With such excellent facilities and coupled with the expert team of teaching staff, we are positive that DGS will continue to nurture elegant and responsible ladies who will contribute to communities in the world.

During our Golden Anniversary dinner, aside from catching up with our buddies of old and reminiscing about the past, our memories were also fostered by the presentation of a video which retold the history of DGS from our primary years until the present. We were also delighted that two former teachers, Mrs. Anita Yan and Mrs. Eva Lee, joined the dinner to share our joy.



Golden Anniversary Dinner in October

Through our celebrations, we renewed and rekindled friendships with classmates of fifty years past. DGS, we thank you for allowing us to be part of your history and share in the success of the School.

25th Reunion of Class of 1986 – Friends Forever

It was the summer of 2008, four longtime friends were at their usual chat sessions at a trendy café by the San Francisco bay. The topics of discussion flowed smoothly from work to home, to the latest gossips...to "the party"...

Whispering in hushed voices, a decision was made. "The party" would remain a secret for the next 2 years. No one would breathe a word of it to anyone else. In the meantime, the secret planning process would continue under the radar. A special core team was specially selected.

Fast forward to October 2010, "Codename: 8625" was gathering momentum. The core team met at an undisclosed location in HK. They were very positive, super organised and exuded tremendous energy. A Facebook page was initiated. Each core team member contributed her strength to the planning process. They also enlisted help from other friends locally and around the world.

What is 8625? Class of 86 and their 25th anniversary party on June 25th of course! Brilliant idea indeed! The 8625 party kicked off promptly at the exclusive Club Lusitano. The weather was gorgeous. Everyone looked gorgeous. So many friends came – some specially flew in from Canada, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, and the U.S. The party was sizzling with excitement and bursting with energy and non-stop laughter. As expected, the execution was flawless and the teamwork was amazing. Sure enough, the 8625 party was a huge success!! Our first class reunion was truly first-class. A party with 65 friends! Just look at our pictures!

But wait, there was an after-party too! Friends kicked back at the Carousel Studio in an intimate and cozy art jam session. Creating masterpieces with friends made the experience extra memorable.

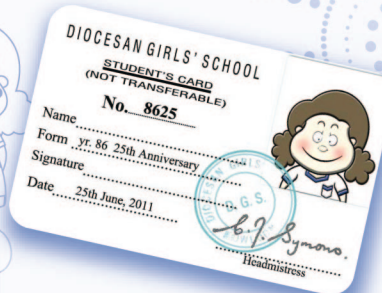
8625 was a wonderful celebration of our friendship, our milestone, and our legacy. Perfect and beautiful...down to the last detail. No matter where you are in life...once a DGS girl always a DGS girl. Really, friends are forever! We hope to see everyone at 8630.



A first-class class 25th reunion celebration - Priscilla Castro introduced us to the fabulous Club Lusitano where food and view were tops! Dennie Wong worked her magic to bring us tunes of nostalgia. Claire Mak brought in a professional videographer and cameraman to capture our red carpet good looks!



Thanks to all who contributed photos to the photobook



The core team re-created DGS student cards that double as our name tags



Vanessa Leung designed and Ann Wong lined up her manufacturer to create the DGS girl USB souvenir



Cozy after-party art jam session



A round of applause to Andrea Louey, Ann Wong and Vanessa Leung for the generous donations to the lucky draw prizes

Past Activities

Personalised Stained Glass Beer Mugs for Father's Day – June 2011 Art Club

Further to the success of the Mother's Day special activity in May, the Art Club hosted a stained glass painting session to prepare lovely personalised stained glass beer mugs for Father's Day. Our members and their children had an afternoon of fun. All worked hard together to outline drawings and paint beer mugs, snack bowls for their beloved dads.



Art Club Father's Day special event

DOGA Annual Dinner – October 2011 Social Sub-Committee

The DOGA Annual Dinner took place this year on 28th October, at King's Cuisine. Once again our alumnae demonstrated strong DGS spirit with full house attendance of 516 girls. Girls from classes of 1940 - 2003 attended the occasion, with 8 classes celebrating their 5th, 10th or 20th year reunion etc.

This year the response was overwhelming with enrollment reaching the full capacity of the restaurant by early bird deadline. The dinner started off with a memorable tradition of the singing of our school hymn led by Mrs. Elim Lau and our DOGA Graduate Singers. The class of 1996 captured the best class turnout prize with a total of 34 girls joining the dinner.

Mrs. Stella Lau and Ms. Jane Ng welcomed all girls and gave a quick preview of the brand new DGS campus. Throughout the evening, girls chattered away as everyone tried to catch up with old friends whilst getting their class photos taken. Others enjoyed wine and cheese on the patio as they patiently waited to purchase their favorite souvenirs such as 'DGS Girl' USB, swimming bag, timber set and many more. The evening ended with lucky draw prizes and table prizes generously donated by our old girls.



Best Turnout Class was Class of 1996 which celebrated their 15th reunion at the dinner



Class of 1991 celebrated their 20th reunion with the celebration cake



Our most senior alumnae at the 2011 Annual Dinner – Ms. Frances Wong ('40), together with Ms. Helena Heung ('50)

UK Off-shoot of DOGA Welcomes New Members

Wonderful news for old girls on British shores! The DOGA UK chapter is in full swing since its revamp in 2010. Over the past year, old girls partook in a tour in picturesque Oxford, an asset management masterclass, a fun-filled theatre trip, a warm CNY celebration, an open-house gathering with live music, as well as hearty dim-sum lunches around London. Standing at 150 members, ranging from students to retirees, we unite and support old girls in the spirit and tradition of DGS. Preparation is under way to usher in another successful year with the launch of a careers / mentoring programme via face-to-face and online seminars. (Those interested in becoming mentors – do get in touch!) Whether you are in the UK for education, employment or looking to expand your business and personal network, please email us at dgsalum.uk@gmail.com and visit http://diocesan-alumni.org/DGS_Alumni_UK/ for details.



One family, unbroken: Old girls gathered to celebrate Chinese New Year over scrumptious dim-sum

Retired Staff - 宗叔 and Mr. Lo

Two dedicated and long-term serving staff have just retired from the School. 何耀宗, known as 宗叔, came to work for DGS as a Senior School janitor in 1986. He retired at the age of 68 after rendering 25 years of devoted service to the school. Aside from working at the General Office, he was also the School's trustworthy messenger who delivered and collected documents.



宗叔

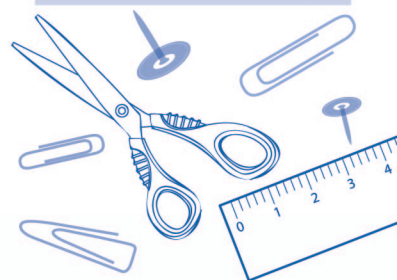
盧耀榮, known as Mr. Lo, has also retired. He joined DGS in 1982 and has been with the School for almost 29 years. Mr. Lo was solely responsible for the maintenance of all computers, photo-copying machines as well as audio and visual systems at the School. One of his most memorable experiences at DGS was in the 1990's when he was the videographer for a teachers' trip led by Mrs. Elim Lau to visit secondary schools in Shenzhen. In 2008, Mrs. Stella Lau was



Mr. Lo

one of the torchbearers in the Hong Kong torch relay for the Beijing 2008 Olympics. Mr. Lo proudly shared the honour of this rare opportunity and took a picture next to the Olympic torch.

We wish both of them all the best after their retirement.



Upcoming Events

February	2012	Old Girls' Inter-house Competition
March	2012	Art Club Easter Event; Social Sub-Committee Event; Class Rep/DOGA Members' Tea Gathering
May	2012	Netball Sports Festival; DOGA Annual General Meeting
June	2012	Art Club Summer Event; Social Sub-Committee Event
October	2012	DOGA Annual Dinner
December	2012	DGS Mini-Bazaar

Details of the events will be updated periodically. Please visit www.doga.org.hk to obtain the latest information.

DGS Aquatic Club

The all-weather 25m swimming pool located at the basement level of the new campus is open for old girls to use outside normal school hours. To do this, you must join the DGS Aquatics Club which is run by the School. The Membership Application Form and the Rules and Regulations can be downloaded from <http://www.dgs.edu.hk/AquaticsClub/>. Please contact the School's General Office on 2277 9100 if you have any queries.

Class Reunion Gathering

Alumnae who are interested in organising their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact DOGA office for further information.

Joining DOGA

Any old girl of DGS or DGJS (whether resident or abroad) who has completed at least one academic year at DGS or DGJS is eligible to apply for membership of DOGA Ltd. Details of the application can be found at www.doga.org.hk.

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